

(WASHINGTON, DC) - Congressman Chet Edwards announced that he has secured federal funding to help the Hearne Police Department upgrade their communications systems under the final 2010 Appropriations bill, which passed the House today by a vote of 221 to 202 and is expected to pass the Senate and be signed into law this month.

Specifically, Edwards secured \$100,000 to help the City of Hearne to upgrade communications technology to ensure quicker response times and more open lines of communication between departments. A portion of the funds would also be used to provide proper equipment to officers.

Edwards, a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee said, "I believe we have an obligation to work closely with local law enforcement to protect our families. This new equipment will help our officers respond more quickly to emergency calls with the information they need to protect our families."

Hearne Mayor Ruben Gomez said, "This is something we really need to serve the community. We are thankful to Congressman Edwards for finding the funds to upgrade our police department communication systems."